

The Commanding Officer  
and  
All Ranks  
  
of  
  
The Royal Canadian Dragoons  
request the pleasure of the company of

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At

CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONIES  
on Monday, 4th August, 1969

1500 Hrs - Dismounted Parade - on Ganong St  
and in front of  
Roll By Recreation Centre

Dress \_\_\_\_\_



## ***Change of Command Parade***

**4 August 1969**

Cambrai Barracks  
CFB Gagetown, N. B.

## *The Royal Canadian Dragoons*

### *Regimental Origin*

The Regiment originated on 21 Dec. 1883 when the Cavalry School Corps was formed. A Cavalry School of Military Instruction was established within the Corps and on 15 July 1887 the Cavalry School of Military Instruction was designated Royal. The Cavalry School Corps was redesignated Canadian Dragoons on 14 May 1892. On 27 June 1892 the Canadian Mounted Rifle Corps was amalgamated with the Canadian Dragoons and designated "B" Troop, Canadian Dragoons. It was redesignated:

The Royal Canadian Dragoons, 24 May 1893;  
1st Armoured Car Regiment (Royal Canadian Dragoons), 11 Feb. 1941;  
1st Armoured Regiment (Royal Canadian Dragoons), 16 Oct. 1946;  
Royal Canadian Dragoons, 19 May 1958; and  
The Royal Canadian Dragoons, 12 Jan. 1959.

### *History*

The term dragoons is derived from 'dragon' a short-barrelled musket suitable for mounted soldiers with the tasks of capturing key features ahead of advances, covering withdrawals and protecting flanks.

In 1885 the Regiment was committed to the campaign in Northwest Canada and a detachment served in the Yukon Field Force in 1896. During the South African Campaign on 7 March 1900 at Lilefontein, Lt. H.C.Z. Cockburn, Lt. R.E.W. Turner and Sgt. E.J.G. Holland won the Victoria Cross.

The Regiment saw action during the First World War in France and carries eleven Battle Honours on its Guidon for actions during 1914-18.

During the Second World War the Regiment saw action in Sicily and Italy and in 1944 was sent to NWE as the Reconnaissance Regiment of the 1st Infantry Division.

Since the Second World War the Regiment has served in Germany and detached squadrons have served with UN in Korea, Egypt and Cyprus.

### *Outgoing Commanding Officer*

LCOL C. Gordon Kitchen was born in Landour, India and received his early education there and at the Friends Select School of Philadelphia. He received a BA in Science from the University of Western Ontario in 1953 and his diploma in Public Administration from Carleton University in 1964.

LCOL Kitchen was commissioned in 1952 and served with the Lord Strathcona's Horse (RC). After completion of the Tank Technology Course at the RAC Centre he was posted to the FGH. Later he attended the TSO Course at the RMC of S followed by tours in AHQ and CFHQ as a staff officer. He attended the CASC 65/66 Course following which he commanded the Recce Sqn of the FGH in Cyprus from Aug. 66 to Apr. 67. LCOL Kitchen was promoted to his present rank on 15 July 67 and took command of the RCD 18 Aug. 67. His next tour of duty will be as a member of the staff of the RMC of S, Shrivenham, England.

### *Incoming Commanding Officer*

LCOL R. D. (Bob) Gross was born in Kitchener, Ontario. He attended public schools in Kitchener and graduated from the Kitchener and Waterloo Collegiate and Vocational Institute in 1949.

From 1949 to 1953 he attended Royal Roads and Royal Military Colleges.

In 1953 he served with the UN in Korea and on return completed his BA at the University of British Columbia.

LCOL Gross took pilot training in Centralia in 1961 and is a qualified fixed and rotary wing pilot. He attended the British Army Staff College, Camberley from Oct. 64 to Dec. 65 and has served continuously with the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) in NWE as Sqn. Comd. and 2 I C since then.

Colonel of the Regiment  
Brigadier-General H. A. Phillips, OBE CD



# *The Royal Canadian Dragoons*

## *Regimental Headquarters*

Commanding Officer	
Second-in-Command	MAJ G. D. Smith
Adjutant	CAPT N. D. Ashton
Asst. Adjutant	LT J. J. B. Price
RSM	CWO E. A. Brown, CD
Chief Clerk	WO R. W. Hansen, CD

### *A Squadron*

Squadron Leader	CAPT R. M. Elrick
Troop Leader	LT J. A. Winship
Troop Leader	WO E. B. Sampson, CD
Troop Leader	WO A. L. MacAdams, CD
Troop Leader	WO D. I. Dunsmore, CD
SSM	MWO I. K. Miller
SQMS	SGT E. H. Ross, CD

### *B Squadron*

(NWE with LdSH (RC))  
Flyover

Squadron Leader	CAPT D. A. Watkins
Second-in-Command	CAPT J. J. Gallant
Battle Captain	CAPT A. Alexander
Troop Leader	LT J. L. Crosby
Troop Leader	LT R. F. Carruthers
Troop Leader	LT G. D. Robertson
SSM	MWO R. F. Wallace, C.D.
SQMS	SGT C. D. Barnes, CD

### *Headquarters Squadron*

Squadron Leader	MAJ R. S. Billings
Second-in-Command	CAPT. J. W. Lewis (The Blues and Royals)
Quartermaster	LT R. D. Amos
RQMS	MWO C. E. Collicott
TQMS	MWO V. G. Winters, C.D.
SSM	MWO E. H. Dzioba, CD
SQMS	SGT J. O. Read, CD
Master Cook	WO J. Y. Chaisson, CD

### *Maintenance Troop*

Troop Leader	CAPT C. F. Potter
RTO	LT W. R. Blair
SSM	MWO R. E. Endall

# *Programme*

Monday, 4th August 1969

## *Morning*

1100 Hrs. — Roll By

## *Afternoon*

1500 Hrs. — Dismounted Parade

and

Change of Command Ceremonies

A wet weather programme will be  
issued if found necessary.

Refreshments will be served in the

Officers' Mess

Sergeants' Mess

Men's Mess

following the afternoon Parade.

## *The Royal Canadian Dragoons*

Allied with: The Blues and Royals

Regimental Marches: "Monsieur Beaucaire"

"Light of Foot"

## *Information for our Guests*

Spectators will please stand:

- a. When the Guidon is marched on Parade;
- b. On arrival of Commander 3 Combat Group;
- c. On departure of Commander 3 Combat Group;
- d. When the Regiment and Guidon leave the Parade ground.